

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 237

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amanda Hester, 2003  
Valedictorian of Gallatin High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Hester is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Gallatin High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Hester has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Amanda Hester has earned an exemplary 5.317 grade point average and was awarded First Place in Tennessee in the Executive Women's International Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her outstanding academic achievements, Ms. Hester has been successful in numerous extracurricular endeavors, participating in Model United Nations, Mock Trial, Youth Legislature, Tennessee Tomorrow, Girls State, the Beta Club, the theater program,

her church youth group, and the National Honor Society, serving as Editor of the Yearbook, as a tutor for English as a Second Language students, raising funds for her former elementary school, and working in the Vanderbilt University Neurobiology Research Lab; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Hester is also a valuable member of the basketball, softball, track, bowling, and swimming teams; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hester's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition and her dedication to improving the lives of her fellow citizens surely bode well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Hester's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Brenda and Jerry Hester, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Hester's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Gallatin High School Valedictorian, Amanda Hester, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.